

PLANS NO RADICAL JUDICIAL REFORMS

Constitutional Convention Will Not Tamper with Fundamentals.

URGES ABOLITION OF SPECIAL SESSIONS

Committee Would Have Duties Transferred to the Supreme Court.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Albany, April 30.—The Constitutional Convention will not submit to the people any amendments to the constitution reorganizing the fundamental principles of the state judicial system. The Tribune correspondent was authoritatively informed to-day.

The principal members of the judiciary committee have decided upon the remedying of the law's delays. But this has not yet taken the concrete form of a proposed amendment.

The committee is almost unanimous for the abolition of the Kings County Court and the Court of Special Sessions in New York City and the transfer of their duties to the Supreme Court.

One thing stands in the way. Were the Court of Special Sessions abolished the justices would have to be transferred to the Supreme Court.

But two or three justices are not considered, to use the language of one of the leaders of the Constitutional Convention, "the proper sort to raise to the dignity of the Supreme Court bench." "Why?" this particular delegate was asked. "The reasons are obvious," he said.

To bring about the needed reforms in the state judiciary system it will be necessary, in the opinion of those in the convention who will have to deal with the question, to inaugurate some of the principles of the English system.

The chairman of the Judiciary Committee is George W. Wickesham, United States Attorney General under President Taft. Working with him are Edgar Truman Brackets, of Saratoga; Louis Marshall, of New York; Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War under Taft; Judge Alphonso T. Clearwater, of Ulster; Judge Albert F. Gladding, of Chenango; Judge John J. Rodolph, of the Court of Claims; Watson T. Dunmore, of Hornell; Robert Wagner, William F. Sheehan, John R. Stanchfield and De Lancey Nicoll, of New York; M. Steinbrink and William X. Tysman, of Brooklyn; D. Raymond Cady, of Syracuse, and Charles E. Seneca, of Buffalo.

One of the reforms sought is the postponement of trials, which would mean a clearance of court calendars. Another is an avoidance of the multiplication of appeals. It is hoped that a court of appeals in criminal cases will be created.

Herbert Parsons, of New York, proposes an amendment abolishing the present boards of supervisors throughout the state, and giving the people of fifty-six counties outside of New York the power to decide whether the boards shall be done away with. Fifty per cent of the vote shall be sufficient.

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WHITMAN HEARINGS SET FOR 8 BILLS

Governor Bars Argument on Many Measures Passed by Legislature.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Albany, April 30.—Eight hearings on as many important bills are scheduled before Governor Whitman for next week. These are the only hearings that the Governor has granted on the scores of bills passed by the Legislature.

Perhaps the most important of these is the Spring bill, consolidating the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the State Labor Department under the name of the State Industrial Commission. The hearing on this bill is set for Wednesday.

Considerable opposition has developed against it, because, it is said, its enactment would mean a nullification of the laws safeguarding men and women who toil.

Other hearings scheduled for the same day are three Brooklyn bills of the "ripper" type. They affect the offices of Commissioner of Records, Commissioner of Jurors and Public Administrator in Kings County.

On the following day, May 6, there will be hearings on the Machel storage reservoir measure, the Simpson Metropolitan Life bill, the Thompson Jitney bus bill and the Baxter water supply bill.

The last has aroused a great deal of discussion. Edward McGoldrick, Assistant Corporation Counsel of New York, says that the bill would not only put the city in such a position that it could not extend its own water mains along the lines of private water companies, but that all the public service corporations of New York City would be excluded from supervision by the Public Service Commission.

The Machel bill, it is charged, was passed for the water power interests. The Simpson bill would prohibit the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, or any other insurance company, from favoring certain brokers. The Thompson bill, opposed only by the owners of jitney buses, would place these free lances of the highways under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

SECURED DEBT LAW IN EFFECT TO-DAY

Whitman Signs Bill Authorizing First of New Tax Levies.

HARRIS, GOVERNOR'S CRITIC, LOSES JOB

Hinman Ouster Bill Approved. Together with Sixty-eight Others.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Albany, April 30.—The first of the new sources of revenue measures passed by the Legislature became a law to-day, when Governor Whitman signed the secured debt bill of Senator Ogden L. Mills. It provides that, after to-morrow and up to October 1, the holder of a secured debt may register it with the State Controller, and upon payment of a fee of three-quarters of 1 per cent secure exemption from all other taxes on the debt for five years.

Under the present law secured debts are exempted altogether by the payment of a registration fee of one-half of 1 per cent.

The Governor signed the bill right after a hearing at which only A. C. Pleydell, of the Tax Reform Association, appeared against it. He declared that as people did not know what was going to happen after the five years were up, they will not be quick to register their securities. He said that the measure would not produce more than \$500,000 a year.

The Governor also signed the Hinman bill oustering Edwin S. Harris, who was a deputy State Controller under Sohmer. The bill abolishes the \$5,000 a year job of Special Appraiser and Examiner of Canal Lands, which Governor Glynn gave to Harris last December, just before his term expired.

The duties of the position are transferred to the Superintendent of Public Works. It had been charged that the

Hinman bill was introduced to punish Harris because of figures he gave to Governor Glynn and the New York City officials which would tend to disprove the claim of Governor Whitman that a direct tax of \$19,000,000 was needed. The Governor has denied the charge and Majority Leader Hinman, the introducer, declared the bill was merely a part of the reorganization plans of the present administration.

Sixty-eight other bills were signed, including the following:
Senator Sage, providing that the Controller shall not designate a bank or trust company as a state depository unless it pays a fair rate of interest.
Senator Slater, authorizing Westchester County to issue bonds for \$200,000 to pay debts arising out of the construction of the Bronx Valley sewer.

Senator Cromwell, increasing the salaries of certain employees in the Richmond County District Attorney's office and providing that the salaries of persons hereafter appointed shall be fixed by the New York Board of Estimate.

Assemblyman Feinberg, increasing the penalty for the malicious damaging of buildings or vessels by explosives to forty years where human life is endangered, and in other cases to twenty-five years.

Assemblyman McWhinney, appropriating \$900,000 to acquire land for a proposed canal to be constructed by the Federal government from Jamaica to Peconic, Long Island.

ALBANY JOBS VACANT

Democrats and Republicans Quit Conservation Board.

Albany, April 30.—Six Democrats and one Republican, employees of the Conservation Commission, ranging from auditor to assistant secretary, submitted their resignations on request to O. D. Pratt, the new Commissioner, to-day.

The Republican, Andrew Mulligan, had been auditor of the commission for twenty years. The salaries of the men ranged from \$1,200 to \$5,000.

Besides Mulligan, these who resigned were Albert E. Hoyt, Albany; Ray Van Avert, Amsterdam, and Thomas Radigan, Ogdensburg, secretaries; M. H. Hoover, publicity agent, and Edward Coughlin and John H. Farrel, of Troy, assistant secretaries.

No successors have been announced.

BOGUS BARONET BRITISH DESERTER

Left Concentration Camp with Payroll and Is Arrested Here.

£750 STOLEN GONE, TRIES SWINDLING

Though Married and Father of Two Children, He Wed Again.

Henry Carlton Carlyle, a deserter from the British army, who, for the last three months has posed here and in England as Sir Henry L. Sterling, an Australian millionaire, broke down when arrested for attempted swindling last night, admitted his identity, and said he had been keeping up his pretence with £750 which he stole while paymaster sergeant of artillery.

So successful had he been in acting the part of Sir Henry, that the girl whom he married in Glasgow just before sailing for the United States, believed that he was a baronet until disillusioned by detectives last evening.

According to his confession, Carlyle has an earlier wife and two children in England.

Detectives Hagen and Feudner picked him up on complaint of Miss Anna Boyle, of 104 West Eighty-fourth Street. Several days ago she answered an advertisement, which read: "Young lady to travel as secretary to English nobleman; companion to titled lady; bond required; apply, inclosing testimonials as to companion."

Miss Boyle had an interview with him at his quarters in a cheap rooming house on 127th Street. He said

that he would be glad to take her as a secretary and companion for his wife, but that he must demand a cash bond, which he would return to her later. This Miss Boyle refused to give, but Sir Henry continued to annoy her with letters on the subject and she appealed to the police.

He told his story to Edwin M. Stanton, Assistant United States District Attorney. In 1899 he joined the army, receiving his discharge in 1906. At the beginning of the war he was called into service again and was attached to Howitzer Battery A of the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Brigades, with the rank of paymaster sergeant. On January 11, while at a concentration camp at Gifford, Surrey, he received the regimental payroll which it was his duty to disburse the next day. That afternoon he deserted.

He went to Glasgow, remained there for several weeks and met Jean Bain, daughter of a retired merchant. In spite of the fact that he had a wife and two children already, he married her and sailed for Boston. Later he came to New York and put up at the Biltmore.

The deserter's funds began to get low. He told his wife that an expected draft from England was delayed and they moved to cheaper quarters. When arrested the millionaire had \$2.09 in his pocket, realized by pawning his wife's wedding ring. "If I am sent back to England they will certainly shoot me," he asserted. "Lady Sterling" collapsed when told what had become of her husband.

MANDEL GUILTY OF BANKING FRAUD

Head of East Side Bank, Whose Failure Caused 11 Suicides, Up for Sentence Thursday.

With five hundred depositors cheering his conviction in the corridors of the Criminal Courts Building yesterday, Adolf Mandel, a private banker, of 165 Rivington Street, was found guilty before Justice Davis of accepting deposits after he knew his bank was insolvent. He will be sentenced Thursday.

Mandel's bank was closed by Superintendent of Banks Richards last August, the depositors at that time numbering more than 150,000, and the total deposits \$2,100,000. At the trial Assistant District Attorney Wasservogel proved the defendant had used \$850,000 of the depositors' money in Wall Street speculations for six to seven years.

Mandel is fifty-six years old, and lived at 58 East Eighty-seventh Street in a house he owned.

Since the closing of Mandel's bank five other private East Side institutions have fallen under the ban of the State Banking Department. Ludolus W. Swenk, owner of one of them, has been convicted and sentenced to four years and four months to four years and eight months in Sing Sing.

The others will be tried shortly. Mandel did not take the stand in his own defence. He was said to be insolvent to the extent of \$623,000, and depositors have received but 15 per cent of their money since the bank closed. Eleven, poverty stricken through the loss of their savings, committed suicide.

Britain Seizes Meat Ships.
London, April 30.—The British government by an Order-in-Council to-day commandeered the meat-carrying British steamships trading between Europe and the Argentine and Uruguayan republics. The action was taken under the defence of the realm act.

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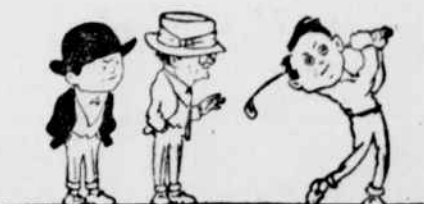
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